

REMARKS

The above-identified application is United States application serial number 10/696,796 filed on October 30, 2003. Claims 1-21 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 4, 5, 7-9, 13-16 and 18-21 are rejected. Claims 2, 3, 6, 10-12 and 17 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Rejection of Claim Under 35 USC §103

Regarding the rejection of claims 1, 4, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 18, 20, and 21 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Nelson (U.S. Patent No. 6,575,406) in view of Holland, Jr. (U.S. Patent No. 3,026, 065), and Multhopp (U.S. Patent No. 3,018,987), the applicants have canceled the claims.

Regarding the rejection of Claims 5, 9, and 16 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Nelson, Holland Jr., and Multhopp in view of Frosch and Stevens (U.S. Patent No. 4,290,612), the applicants have canceled the claims.

Claims Under Objection

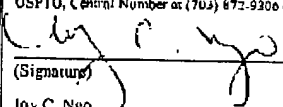
Regarding claims 2, 3, 6, 10-12 and 17, the applicants have rewritten the claims in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims so that the claims are allowable.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein, Applicant believes Claims 2, 3, 6, 10-12, and 17 are in form for allowance and a notice to that effect is solicited. No new matter has been added. In the event it would facilitate prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (949) 251-0250.

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